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FROM : USCOB BERLIN GERMANY

TO : USCINCEUR PARIS FRANCE, CINCSAREUR HEIDELBERG GERMANY, AMEMB BOMB GER.

NR : USAB 143 FROM WATSON.

31 August 1962

REFS : A. USCINCEUR EUCOM 9-13662 (USAB's IN 11002).

B. USAB 178 to USAREUR, 91 to SHAPE, 276 to BOMB (USAB's IN 11115).

C. TELECOM PARIS-STOESSEL, 30 August 1962.

1. References listed above. References are UNCLASSIFIED.

2. (~~SECRET~~) I have changed the instructions for rendering medical aid to an injured person in East Berlin to comply with provisions to reference A. All US officials involved here recognize fully that an effort to transport wounded refugee to West Berlin is much more desirable from a psychological public relations, and humanitarian standpoint that it is to take the individual directly to an East Berlin Hospital.

3. (~~SECRET~~) However, the solution presented in reference B. does have tripartite agreement. I believe that we could not get agreement on bringing refugee to West Berlin. Public would doubtless learn of differing French instructions when they assume responsibility 1 September 1962. Since Berliners have been told by their press that ambulance could not bring refugee to a West Berlin Hospital, believe that public reaction to lack of agreement by Allies could be equally or more serious than reaction to an East Berlin destination for the refugee. Further it is the humanitarian aspect not the political which is more important in this matter.

4. (~~SECRET~~) In view of the foregoing and also of our need for British and French support in other critical areas, such as the passage of Soviet Guards to the war memorial in APCS, I suggest reconsideration of recommendation that

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the ambulance attempt to take the victim to an East Berlin Hospital.

5. SCP -4.

ACTION: LIVE OAK

(US EMBEY)

INFO : OSAGEUR, COMS, INTAF.

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